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17 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: International Diplomatic Communications
(Proposed Legislation to Permit Reciprocal
Radio Agreements)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 6 December 1957, and previous correspondence respecting the proposed joint report on the above subject to be submitted by the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference and the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Representatives of this Agency and of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have had several meetings on this subject during which we have considered the importance of improving facilities for the transmittal from foreign posts of vital intelligence which might be facilitated by the proposed legislation and also certain internal security problems of concern to the FBI raised by this legislation.

3. It is our understanding from these conversations, which I believe has already been confirmed to you by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, that the FBI would not object to seeking the proposed legislation, provided privileges thereunder would not be extended to the Soviet or Soviet bloc countries without prior discussion and understanding with the FBI. As you know, the CIA favors the legislation and I understand you have received the concurrence of the Departments of State and Defense.

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4. I would point out, however, that in my opinion it would be wise to proceed with this matter only if, after informal consultation with the respective committees of the Senate and the House which would be concerned therewith, it was ascertained that the legislation could probably be secured without arousing controversy or acrimonious debate as this might reveal certain sensitive operations and capabilities in the field of communications.

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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